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SUBJECT: PMAC CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH TO OAU SUMMIT

SUMMARY: PMAC CHAIRMAN BG TEFERI BANTI IN SPEECH BEFORE TWELFTH OAU SUMMIT LAUDED POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN ETHIOPIA, REITERATED ETHIOPIA'S SUPPORT FOR OAU, ASSURED AFRICAN LEADERS THAT ETHIOPIA HAS NO CLAIMS ON TFAI, AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
END SUMMARY.

1. ETHIOPIAN NEWS AGENCY JULY 31 CARRIED GIST OF PMAC CHAIRMAN

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BG TEFERI BANTI'S REMARKS AT OAU SUMMIT.

2. ON THE ETHIOPIAN SITUATION, TEFERI REPORTEDLY STATED THAT COUNTRY IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING NEW POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDER BASED ON EQUALITY AND JUSTICE THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF ITS ENTIRE POPULACE. THIS NEW SOCIAL ORDER REPLACES OLD FEUDAL SYSTEM WHICH RETARDED ETHIOPIA'S PROGRESS FOR YEARS. ACCORDING TO TEFERI, MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION IS PROCLAMATION ABOLISHING TENANCY AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF RURAL LANDS. CHANGES OCCURRING IN ETHIOPIA ARE IN THE NATURE OF INTERNAL CONDITIONS, NOT AS RESULT OF EFFORT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY EXTERNAL FACTOR."

3. BG TEFERI REITERATED ETHIOPIAN SUPPORT FOR THE OAU AND ITS COMMITMENT TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA. NEW SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA, HE SAID, GIVES IT BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY ITS RIGHTFUL ROLE IN OAU.

4. ON TFAI, PMAC CHAIRMAN ASSURED AFRICAN LEADERS THAT GOE HAS NO CLAIM ON THE TERRITORY AND WOULD SUPPORT ITS INDEPENDENCE. ETHIOPIA HAS NO "LEGAL ACT OR LEGISLATION" ON ITS BOOKS ASSERTING ANY CLAIM TO THE TERRITORY, "BUT CAN ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION SAY THE SAME?" ON THE QUESTION OF SETTING UP REGIONAL LIBERATION BUREAU TO ACCELERATE INDEPENDENCE FOR TFAI, TEFERI NOTED THAT INCONCLUSIVE DEBATES IN RECENTLY CONCLUDED OAU CM HAVE SHOWN THAT FACTORS RELATING TO BEST METHOD TO HELP LIBERATION STRUGGLE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADEQUATELY ASSESSED. CONSEQUENTLY, ASSEMBLY DOES NOT HAVE NECESSARY ELEMENTS TO ENABLE IT TO MAKE DECISION AT THIS SESSION (CF ADDIS 8646).

5. ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION, BG TEFERI CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND REAFFIRMED ETHIOPIA'S SUPPORT FOR RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS TO A NATIONAL HOME LAND.

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